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FOLLOWING SEOUL 10205 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO TOKYO CINCPAC
HI DEC 28; REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 10205

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EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS STATEMENT ON RECENT US-ROK
DISCUSSIONS

REF: SEOUL 10190

1. WHEN MOFA NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR PAK
SANG-YONG HANDED TEXT OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S STATEMENT (REFTTEL)
TO EMBOFF HE SAID THAT HE HAD EMPHASIZED IN HIS BRIEFING
OF THE PRESS AT 1000 AM DECEMBER 28 THAT EVERYTHING WAS NOT
NEATLY SETTLED BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE ROK BUT IN VIEW OF
BASIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND THE ROK, PRESS COULD SAY
THAT TWO COUNTRIES HAVE COME TO A GENERAL SETTLEMENT OF THESE
PROBLEMS. PAK SAID THAT HE EXPLAINED TO PRESS THAT ROKG
PLACED ITS MAIN EMPHASIS ON PARAGRAPH THREE OF MINISTER'S
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STATEMENT, WHICH EMPHASIZED FRIENDLY TIES BETWEEN U.S.
AND ROK. HE SAID IN PRESS BRIEFING THAT ROKG PLACES
OVER-RIDING EMPHASIS ON NEED TO MAINTAIN FREINDLY TIES
WITH USG.

2. PAK TOLD EMBOFF THAT MOFA HOPES THAT STATE DEPARTMENT

SPOKESMAN, IF HE COMMENTS ON ROK STATEMENT, WILL
PLACE SIMILAR EMPHASIS ON OVER-RIDING IMPORTANCE OF
FRIENDLY ROK-US TIES.

3. PAK SAID NEWLY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE FOR PEACEFUL
REUNIFICATION ALSO MET MORNING DECEMBER 28 TO DISCUSS
ISSUES INVOLVED. COMMITTEE, WHICH COMPRISED OF PRIMIN
AND MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INFORMATION AND REUNIFI-
CATION, AND TOP SIX LEADERS OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, HEARD
REPORT FROM PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER FOLLOW-
ING WHICH WRITTEN SUMMARY REPORT TO COMMITTEE ON SUBJECT
PROBLEMS WAS RELEASED TO PRESS. TEXT THIS REPORT BEING
TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL. SNEIDER UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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